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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SULTAN QABUS TO UNITED STATES

REF: LONDON'S 16655

LONDON PASS LAMBRAKIS

1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL, YOU SHOULD INFORM OMANIS THAT WE PREFER SULTAN'S AIRCRAFT LAND AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE. WE WOULD SUGGEST ARRIVAL TIME AT 2:30 P.M. (1430 LOCAL). WHICH WOULD MEAN LEAVING LONDON ABOUT 10:30 A.M. LONDON TIME. APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF HOUR IS REQUIRED FROM ANDREWS TO BLAIR HOUSE BY LIMOUSINE.

2. SECURITY FOR SULTAN QABUS WILL BE RESPONSIBILITY OF US SECRET SERVICE. IF THE AIRCRAFT REMAINS IN US, RECOMMEND IT BE LEFT AT ANDREWS WHICH IS SECURE AREA AND IS WHERE PRESIDENTIAL AIRCRAFT ARE GUARDED.

3. ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR AIR CREW WILL HAVE
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TO BE MADE BY OMANI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. THERE IS

MOTEL RIGHT OUTSIDE OF MAIN GATE OF ANDREWS AFB WHICH MANY CREW MEMBERS FLYING CHIEFS OF STATE USE. ONCE DETAILS OF VISIT BECOME MORE FIRM, DEPARTMENT WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH OMAN EMBASSY ON THIS MATTER.

4. EMBASSY LONDON SHOULD ALSO INFORM SULTAN'S PARTY THAT IF SULTAN DESIRES TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON ON JANUARY 7 INSTEAD OF JANUARY 8, IT PRESENTS NO PROBLEM BUT WOULD SIMPLY MEAN HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT WOULD BE ON SECOND FULL DAY OF HIS VISIT RATHER THAN THE FIRST. WE WILL PLAN TO SEND ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING THE SULTAN'S PROGRAM, INCLUDING OFFICIAL ENTERTAINMENT AND MEETINGS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS, AS SOON AS WE HAVE FIRMED THEM UP. SISCO

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